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LETTER DATED 14 JANUARY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the English, French and Spanish texts of the Declaration on the former Yugoslavia, adopted by the European Community and its member States on the occasion of the ministerial meeting held in Paris on 13 January 1993.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Declaration on the former Yugoslavia

(Paris, 13 January 1993)

The European Community and its member States met in Paris on 13 January 1993 to discuss the present state of the negotiations in Geneva under the International Conference on the former Yugoslavia. They heard a report on this matter from Lord Owen.

The Ministers expressed their firm support for the efforts of the Conference and the two Co-Chairmen. The proposals for a political solution to the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina tabled in Geneva represent the only possibility for a peaceful outcome.

The Ministers expressed their unequivocal demand that the Bosnian Serbs accept the proposed constitutional framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina and the document on military arrangements without any conditions whatsoever within the next six days.

If this will not be the case, the European Community and its member States will ask the Security Council to consider measures needed to be taken accordingly. Time is running out and no more delaying tactics will be tolerated.

While the negotiating process gives some hope for positive progress, the military actions and aggressions by the Bosnian Serbs continue to inflict immense human suffering on the population of Bosnia and Herzegovina, most notably its Muslim inhabitants.

The Ministers stressed the need for an international criminal court and expressed their readiness to support this issue at the United Nations.

The European Community and its member States will ask the Security Council to complete its consideration on enforcement of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) (no-fly zone).

The European Community and its member States consider it of the utmost importance to implement strictly the agreed sanctions towards Serbia and Montenegro. The leaders of those Republics must use all their undoubted influence on the leaders of the Bosnian Serbs to make them understand that by their present acts of violence and unspeakable brutality towards the population of Bosnia and Herzegovina they are dooming themselves and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to total international isolation with the gravest consequences for a very long time to come.

The European Community and its member States will remain actively seized of the matter. Preparatory work on further measures leading to total isolation will start immediately and Ministers will reconvene if the present hope for a negotiated settlement in Geneva is not fulfilled.